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DRILL FOR PETROLEUM IN THE BANAT

NATURAL GAS FOUND DURING DRILLING -- Ljubljana, Slovenski Porocevalec, 19 Dec 50

Petroleum drilling is taking place at various locations in the Banat, such as near Kovin on the Danube, near Orlovat (south of Zrenjanin), at Velika Greda (northwest of Vrsac), not far from the Tisa River near Becej, and at the outskirts of Becej.

Natural gas with a pressure of about 30 atmospheres is emerging at the Tisa River drilling area. Natural gas also has been found at a depth of 400 meters at the outskirts of Becej. Thus far, drilling crews have drilled down to a depth of 850 meters in this area. They expect to find petroleum here by the end of January.

EXPORT PETROLEUM -- Koper, Istrski Tednik, 23 Dec 50

The products of Yugoslav petroleum refineries have now appeared for the first time in petroleum markets in western Europe, especially in Italy, Austria, and Western Germany. The whole amount available was sold rapidly for a million dollars because of its good quality. Additional orders are being sent to Yugoslav representatives. Yugoslav refineries have contributed various petroleum derivatives, certain types of special refined gasolines, and lampblack, which are used in the rubber industry and color printing, to the trade abroad.

LIGNITE MINE TO BEGIN OPERATION -- Ljubljana, Slovenski Porocevalec, 8 Jan 51

The large "Novi Zvezdan" lignite mine near Zajecar will begin operation on 1 May 1951.

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